ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ. ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ — ಬಹುಭಾಗ ವಿಲೇಜ್ ಅಕೌಂಟೆಂಟ್ಸ್ ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೋ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕರು ಹೆಡ್ ಕ್ವಾರ್ಟರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ? ಇದರಿಂದ ಅನೇಕ ಜನ ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಅವರಿಂದ ತುಂಬಾ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿರುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.— ಬಿದರ್ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿರುವುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಬಿ ರಾಮಸ್ವಾಮಿ,— ಇದು ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದಂಥ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ. ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಸೆಕ್ರೆಟರಿಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಮಾಡಿದ್ದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಮಲ್ಲಿಕಾರ್ಜುನಸ್ವಾಮಿ.— ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ರೆವಿನ್ಯೂ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾಕಲಿ.

UTILISATION OF RIG MACHINES FOR DIGGING WELLS IN GULBARGA DISTRICT

203. Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalagi).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of Rigs including high speed Rigs working in Gulbarga district;

(b) in view of the improved conditions in the supply of drinking water, whether Government intend to utilise these rig machines to dig wells in fields for irrigation purpose;

(c) whether there is any programme of digging wells by these rigs in the fields?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity) [on behalf of Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister)].—

(a) Six (6).
(b) No.
(c) No.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.— You have said six rigs are working in Gulbarga District at present. I want to know whether they are really working in Gulbarga District?

† Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.— If not, what steps will Government take to utilise these rigs for the purpose of irrigation?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— When I said YES: to the first question, the question 'If Not' does not arise.

Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR.— My question is: whether these six rigs are working in Gulbarga district?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA — I said YES: for drinking water wells.

Sri BAPU RAO HULSURKAR.— Whether the Government has any plans to dig bore-wells in the field of agriculture in view of what is done in other States?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.— We have been thinking in terms of providing Bore-wells for irrigation and Govt. have appointed a committee to go into the question of lift irrigation in general including the exploitation of the under-ground water by rig wells, and the report is expected to be submitted in the course of one or two or three weeks. After receiving that report, Government is thinking in terms of getting up an organisation which would undertake utilisation of ground water for irrigation purposes by providing bore-wells in individual lands; and that question will arise after the agency is appointed. Government is considering and thinking in that direction.

IMPORT OF C. R. G. O. STEEL BY N. G. E. F.

212. Sri P. M. BANGI (Jamkhandi).—

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state.—

(a) the quantity of C. R. G. O. steel imported from foreign countries since 1970 upto July 1973, by N. G. E. F.;

(b) the purchase price of this steel imported per ton including transport, octroi and other charges;

(c) the quantum of this steel allegedly treated as scrap by the concerned authorities;